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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Robert Dale Haun)	
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Serial No.:	10/041,832)	Group Art Unit: 3618
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Filed:	October 19, 2001)	Examiner: Christopher Bottorff
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For:	Hinge Assembly for Utility)	
	Vehicle Hood)	

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 17, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 and objected to claim 6.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) For a tractor equipped with a loader bucket, a
A hinge assembly for hinging a tractor hood on a ~~utility vehicle~~ tractor body so as
to enable the hood to open upwardly and backwardly from the front end of the
~~utility vehicle tractor~~, the hinge assembly comprising a double-rocker, four-link
mechanism, including a bracket comprising one link, the bracket being mounted
to an underside of the tractor hood, near a back end of the tractor hood.